

lawlessness—if I should do all this would you call me an enemy of peace? You might take me for a man of war while the work was going on, while the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, was flashing here and there, and cutting into the lives and consciences of men; but when the strife was over and the melody of grateful praise rose on the evening air in those strangely quiet streets, would you call me an enemy of peace?

What sort of peace may the world hope for from Jesus? This raises another question: What did Jesus come for? When John is sixteen or seventeen I should ask him this question and I should help him to find the answer. We are accustomed to say that Christ came to save sinners, but we have said it so often that it has ceased to have any meaning. It is like the grace many of us say at table. Let us put it differently. Jesus came into the world that every man might have a chance to achieve the end of his being—the end for which God designed him. God had made human beings different from animals and had provided for them a different destiny. They were to rise above the animal level to the heights of manhood—to the high plateaus of the land of the spirit, where having their spirits as well as their bodies developed, they could recognize God as their Father and fall in with His will and walk with Him as His sons, and where they would in consequence recognize their fellow-men as their kin and walk with them